



On Campus

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Banner goes live!

Student, financial aid modules of Title III project set to go on-line March 1

The newest phase of the college's five-year, \$2.5 million Title III grant project is scheduled to go on-line Wednesday, March 1. People throughout the college have been working furiously this month to ready the student and financial aid modules of the new Banner software to meet the March deadline.

More than 40 faculty and staff received

Banner training led by **June Ritter** during the week of February 13. The previous week, staff in the business office, financial aid, student records and the criminal justice and computer information systems programs conducted a mock registration to test the system.

The mock registration revealed some

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Campus phase of capital campaign to begin soon

On Campus is the monthly employee newsletter of Greenfield Community College. It is produced by the Office of Public Relations and distributed free to all full- and part-time faculty and staff, trustees, members of the board of directors of the Greenfield Community College Foundation, and other friends of the college.

Send your calendar items (meetings, deadlines, events) or news (new appointments, promotions, awards, grants, published work, conferences, weddings, births, and other personal and professional activities and accomplishments) to Bill Johnson or Russell Powell by the first of the month for inclusion in that month's issue (Wednesday, March 1 for the March issue).

The public phase of the college's capital campaign is about to begin, and employees can expect to be contacted by someone representing the campaign during the month of March. Currently, more than \$600,000 in pledges have been made toward the campaign goal of \$1 million. The money is being raised to finance the purchase and renovation of the new Downtown Center at 270 Main Street by the Greenfield Community College Foundation.

Director of Development **Steve Budd**, who is organizing the on-campus campaign appeal, says the goal is on participation rather than a specific dollar amount. "It's very important that we show the general public that our own employees are behind this," he says, and notes that all of the college's senior officers have already made sizable contributions to the campaign, including former president **Kay Sloan**, who made a pledge over five years.

The campus campaign will use a peer-to-peer approach: people will be contacted

by other employees to discuss their contribution. Steve is currently completing a brochure about the campaign for employees that will provide relevant background, facts and figures as well as campaign goals, philosophy and different giving incentives and options.

A committee chaired by **Charlie Carter**, executive director of the Foundation, has begun planning the formal dedication of the Downtown Center. Scheduled for the early evening of Friday, May 19, the dedication will feature live music, displays, self-guided tours and refreshments. A number of dignitaries have been invited, including Governor **William Weld**, area legislators, local business leaders, education officials, and Kay Sloan (who has tentatively agreed to attend).

Renovations to the former Heritage Bank building that were needed to open the Downtown Center were completed "at least \$30,000" under budget, reports Charlie. In

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What's New

This just in: congratulations are in order to economics professor ZAHIRUDDIN ALIM and library assistant HOPE SCHNEIDER, who were married on February 13!

WES BROWN, who teaches computer workshops, performed with the Oriki Artists Collective at the Northampton Center for the Arts February 12 in celebration of Black History Month.

Wes, who plays bass and piano, performed with Bhekisisa Khosa and Kalpana Devi.

Wes has performed throughout the world in a variety of musical idioms, with band leaders from Earl "Fatha" Hines to Anthony Braxton to Abraham Adzenyah. His current musical interests combine traditional African, jazz, Afro-pop and reggae styles.

Reflections on a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau

History professor George Bluh visited Poland for three weeks last summer as part of the Fulbright Group Study Abroad program. These are his reflections on a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Those among the sentient beings only casually aware of the horrors of the Holocaust have a picture in mind of what transpired in the Nazi death camps of World War II. The media has been generous in projecting endless images of horrific terror in cinema, TV, and print. The impression we have garnered from these efforts is one of abysmal grimness, marking a crime against nature unparalleled in human history. It was precisely because I was one of the multitude who shared this impression, and fully acknowledged the reality, of Auschwitz-Birkenau, that directly experiencing the physical reality of the place in the summer of 1994 was so disquieting.

Arbeit Macht Frei reads the sign arching over the gate. Seen so frequently in illustrations, documentaries and photographs, there are few who do not understand its cruel, cynical message. However, on a bright sunny day in July, one can easily miss the message arching over the entry into what once was hell. The trees are full and green, they line the streets of Auschwitz I, softening the pallor of gray. The brick buildings are pristinely kept, appearing more like a housing development than a death camp, testing our credulity. But there is no mistaking what the camp is, viewing the special exhibits which show the cans (empty, no doubt) of Cyclon B, the mountain of human hair, a mere sampling of two tons, and the piles of luggage with names that I, and millions

of others, could call out to and ask "Don't I know a Kaufman, a Rosenstock, a Grossman?" The familiar-sounding names marked the baggage displayed behind glass, heaped high and wide, a mere, small sampling of the many assorted bags that bore the final possessions of the condemned.

When we arrived at Auschwitz, the tour guides kept us tightly grouped, and we were, in all, a crush of groups, arriving in caravans of tour buses. The tour began with our being jammed into a crowded theater for a documentary film portraying the highlights of the Auschwitz-Birkenau story, at best a sanitized abstraction of the abysmal inhumanity that raged in this place. We were then crowded into the brick buildings where the Gestapo and SS inflicted pain and death and conducted inhuman experiments, all in this place in which we pressed our way to see and hear more. What we could not hear were the screams of the tortured. The smell of death lingered only in the imagination, and the crushing masses were not wearing gray-striped rags, but brightly colored shorts and shirts describing every pleasure, or prestigious, port-of-call on the planet.

Auschwitz-Birkenau should be visited on a dismal, gray day when the tour buses take a detour for Zapokane; when informed and genuinely compassionate guides who can read your pain slow the pace, take time for you to fully experience the meaning of this place and others like it. Auschwitz, where the most hideous crime against humanity was methodically executed, is holy ground. It should not be engulfed in the atmosphere of a carnival.

Fitness center offers many ways to stay—or get—in shape

At their farewell party February 1, NANCY BUCHANAN, retiring director of health services, and her husband, Dr. WILLIAM BUCHANAN, retiring medical director of health services, presented the library with a \$1,000 check for the purpose of purchasing children's books with the common theme of diversity.

The Buchanans have strengthened the children's literature section over the years, says Director of the Library CAROL LETSON, with donations of books they have selected as well as with additional funds. The world of children's literature speaks to all ages, says Carol. Two years ago the children's literature collection was relocated near the entrance of the library and it has since attracted a wide following among faculty, students and their children.

Director of Health Occupations and Nursing MARGARET CRAIG served on the National League for Nursing Board of Review in January. The board makes the final decisions on accreditation for all schools of nursing offering associate degrees throughout the country.

"Dupont reduced absenteeism by 47.5 percent over six years for its corporate fitness program participants!"

Economic Benefits of Regular Exercise, Health Behaviors,
—D. W. Edington, Ph.D. (March 1992)

Although small, the GCC fitness center has a multi-use weight machine, two life circuit machines, two treadmills, a walkfit (Lifestep), two Nordic tracks, a rowing machine, dip leg raise apparatus, stairmaster and Lifecycle. The fitness center is staffed by well-trained students. Any staff member who would like an individualized program can talk to **Rebecca Clemente**, head of the fitness center.

The cost for a staff membership is \$15 per year (September 1-August 31), or \$25 for a family. Spouses and partners may also join, as well as children 14 years of age or older.

The wellness program offers a number of programs and services to faculty and staff. The fitness center is just one. Other programs this spring include:

- Figure skating, offered with instructor **Jessica Bahros** at the Collins Moylan arena on Barr Avenue in Greenfield.

- Beginning Thursday, February 16, Network Chiropractic of Greenfield will be on campus every Monday and Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. to do adjustments, free for students and staff.

- Jazzercise will be starting up again this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The class is free to students; there is a nominal \$10 fee for staff.

- Step aerobics with **Deb Porlier**, Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Free for students, \$10 for faculty and staff.

The fitness center is currently offering many incentive programs for all members. Prizes include water bottles, sport towels, coffee mugs, t-shirts, sports bags and free

lunch. Incentives include:

Team challenge. Three members enter as a team. Each time a team member works out in the fitness center, they earn one point. The team that accumulates the most points at the end of the semester (each member earning a minimum of 24 points) will win a nutritious lunch for the entire team.

Mount Everest Climb. Climb 29,028 feet to the top of Mount Everest on the Lifestep machine and receive a Mount Everest Club t-shirt.

Hike, bike, ski the Appalachian Trail. Using the treadmill, Lifecycle, Nordic track, and/or Lifestep, traverse 141 miles through Connecticut and Massachusetts on the Appalachian Trail.

Challenge Triathlon. Challenge yourself to the variety workout. Use the Liferower, Lifestep, and treadmill for 300 minutes on each machine by the end of the semester and you will receive a prize.

Pay-back plan (faculty and staff only). After 30 workouts in the fitness center, you will receive a cash refund, or you may opt to apply it toward next year's membership.

Call extension 345 or 274 for more information on these and other programs.

*"Education is not
the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire"*

—William Butler Yeats

Welcome back to VAL KNOWLTON, director of safety and security, who has recently returned to work after recovering from a serious car accident this fall. "My heartfelt thanks," says Val, "to BOB KEIR, ANN SLOAN, CYNTHIA WHEELER, and all others for their shouldering and sharing the burden of my tasks, in addition to their own, during my three-month absence from campus. They did a fine job. I am sure they would agree that the patience and support of the college community contributed to their success.

"My thanks to all of you for not only your support of them, but for all of the kindnesses and expressions of concern extended to me during my convalescence."

Nursing professor ARELENE LAFLAMME PATON is in Arizona this spring during her sabbatical. She is working with the hospice organization in Phoenix as part of her preparation for certification for oncology nursing.

Banner conversion for student records, financial aid begins February 22

The conversion to Banner begins in earnest on Wednesday, February 22. Here is the proposed timetable:

Wednesday, February 22	after 7:30 p.m.	No student or financial aid access. Night shift will run as normal. Debbie will request Fin4a.
Thursday, February 23	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Download files and begin the student conversion process. No student or financial aid access.
Friday, February 24	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Conversion process continues.
Friday, February 24	after 8:30 a.m.	Limited access. No student updates. Access granted to business office, financial aid and bookstore for entering charges, remittances and check-run process.
Saturday, February 25	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Conversion process continues.
Sunday, February 26	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Conversion process continues.
Monday, February 27	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Conversion process continues. Limited access, similar to Friday, February 24
Monday, February 27	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pre go-live site visit by SCT for student module implementation.
Tuesday, February 28	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Conversion completed. Possible site visit.

This conversion affects student and financial aid files only on both the old system and the new Banner system. All other computer access will be available, including CEO.

People are advised to call extension 287 or send a CEO message to CMS for special requests during this conversion period. They will be glad to assist if at all possible.

Title III professional day

A focus on assessment, advising and accessing student information

Geology professor RICHARD LITTLE will lead a two-week natural tour in northern California this June. Since 1981 he has designed and led "Fantastic Landscapes" excursions to some of the most dramatic landscapes in North America. This year's trip begins with a visit to San Francisco beaches, rocks and ridges, including the San Andreas Fault Line. The tour will then travel to the coastal redwoods of northern California's Clifed Coast, the active volcano Mt. Lassen, Lake Tahoe, Mono Lake, the Mojave Desert and the Northwest Basin and Range region. The tour will end with three days in the High Sierras and Yosemite National Park. Participation is limited to 24. For more information, call Dick at 774-4827.

Director of Physical Plant
JOHN PRIDE became a grandfather for the fifth time on February 2, when a son was born to **JEFFREY** and **LAURIE PRIDE**. The baby boy, **JESSE ERIC PRIDE**, was 18 3/4" long and weighed six pounds, 15 ounces. Mom, dad and baby are doing fine, reports John.

A classroom assessment project and academic advising using the new student information system will be the focus of the second Title III joint professional day with Mount Wachusett Community College on Thursday, March 9. GCC will host the event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The morning program will focus on academic advising and the student system using the new Banner software, and classroom action research, says **Elizabeth Roop**, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and support, who is organizing the day with members of the college community and staff from MWCC. Faculty will be able to choose from among four work areas,

on classroom action, Banner training and familiarization, a role play to improve advising, and using computers and computer software for curriculum development.

Kathy Alexander, director of education and outreach for Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel, will speak on "Coping with the disruptive student in the college classroom" at 1:30 p.m. in the Stinchfield Lecture Hall. She will address issues of both personal and classroom safety.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

A schedule of the day's program is on pages 7 and 8.

Banner ready to go on-line

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bugs in the system that the computer and media services staff have since been working to correct. "The registration part of it went well," said **Deanna Lovett**, data entry operator in student records. "We had allotted four hours to do 30-40 folders and it ended up taking just an hour-and-a-half. It didn't seem so at the time, but our training obviously paid off."

Bob LaBonte, a part-time temporary employee in the business office, has a unique perspective on Banner, as he works part-time for Mount Wachusett as well. "Seeing Banner in both places has been a plus," he says. He was "a little disappointed" with the mock registration "because we kept finding problems, but that was why the week was there. Overall, I'm pleased—the things about which we had major concerns seemed to work okay."

Lisa Prolman, secretary for financial aid, said that there are some problems with the financial aid module. "Still, we're now able to send out our tracking letters to students using Banner, and they look beautiful." There's plenty of time to fix the remaining problems, as financial aid will not fully convert to Banner until the beginning of the 1996 fiscal year on July 1.

The basic Banner navigation training has been offered to "everyone from secretaries to professors," says programmer **Kelly Dapprich**, who attend two-hour sessions to become familiar with the various Banner screens in whatever module they'll be using (for most people, the student module). Some users, like faculty, may need a wider range (to review transcripts, for example, or audit degrees), while others may focus on one specific task over and over.

CAROLYN SAUTTER, who officially retires from the bookstore on March 1, was honored with a surprise party in the Fireplace Lounge on February 10. Carolyn has worked at GCC since 1978, and she will be sorely missed.

"She has an amazing memory," says BETTY ROSEWARNE, director of the bookstore. "She remembers everybody she meets." A number of students showed their appreciation by coming to the bookstore to say farewell on Carolyn's final day.

Inheriting the difficult task of replacing Carolyn as cashier is ALECIA GIGUERE of Turners Falls.

Alecia is a 1993 GCC graduate (she received her associate's degree in business) who comes back to the college after a successful work experience at the University of Massachusetts bookstore. Alecia loves outdoor activities like hiking, canoeing and biking, but she hates the winter. She was selected from among more than 125 applicants!

What's Happening

Thursday, February 23

"IN" grades converted to "F" (day and evening courses)

Tuesday, February 28

An open hearing about the college's five-year report to its accrediting body, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Employees are invited to give a statement addressing GCC's Vision for 2000 as outlined in the college's mission statement (copies of the statement are available in the president's office), and to help set priorities and emphases for future initiatives.

People unable to attend can send their written comments to the committee (Janet Chayes, Margaret Craig, Budge Hyde, Carol Letson and Toby Sutton) by February 27. The hearing will be from **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Sloan Theater.**

Wednesday, March 1

Banner goes live! The new administrative software is scheduled to go on line in student records and financial aid.

Wednesday, March 1

Deadline, March edition of *On Campus*

Wednesday, March 1

Last day to withdraw from classes with no record.

Thursday, March 9

Professional Day—no day or evening classes scheduled. The library will have limited services.

Wednesday, March 15

Deficiency notices due.

Friday, March 17

Evacuation Day—no day or evening classes scheduled.

Wednesday, April 12

Trustees meeting. 8 a.m., Downtown Center.

Wednesday, May 3

Annual **Honors Convivium** sponsored by the GCC Foundation.

Friday, May 19

Formal dedication of Downtown Center. Live music, food, tours, dignitaries—the works. Details to follow.

Wednesday, May 24

Fifth annual GCC **Scholarship Golf Tournament**, at the Crumpin-Fox Country Club in Bernardston. This event has raised thousands of dollars in scholarships from its inception. Watch for details!

Phi Theta Kappa members prepare community meal

Six members of GCC's chapter of the national honor society Phi Theta Kappa volunteered to prepare and serve the weekly community meal sponsored by Trinity Church in Shelburne Falls December 2.

Accompanied by faculty advisor **Lillian Ruiz-Powell** and led by chapter president **Tod Pleasant** and vice-president **Sharon Hibay**, the following "put hand, heart and head to this good work," says English professor **Bill Sweeney**: **Joan Gessing,**

Karen Gunther, Mark Maloni and Emily Murphy. Sharon's daughter **Becky** (a Greenfield High School student) joined her mother "and inspired us all," says Bill, with her energy and efficiency.

These Phi Theta Kappa members enjoyed their one-evening tour of duty so much that they asked Trinity's supervisor to reserve the afternoon and evening of Friday, March 3, so that they can come back and do it again.

Second Title III Joint Professional Day

with Mount Wachusett Community College

Thursday, March 9

hosted by Greenfield Community College

Diary of a Death Professional, a new book by
MIRRLISS

UNDERWOOD, academic dean for behavioral sciences and learning support, will be published in March by the Association of Death Education and Counseling (ADEC). The book, the first in a planned series to be published by ADEC, chronicles Mirrless' personal and professional experiences with death education.

Mirrless has been a "death professional" for many years as a teacher and social worker, and has undergone treatment for five primary-site cancers. The book draws upon her journals and her experiences as director of social services for a hospital, her private practice and her years teaching seminars and classes on death since 1976. Mirrless will also be awarded a plaque honoring her work at the ADEC's annual conference in Miami in April.

Topics

"ACADEMIC ADVISING AND THE STUDENT SYSTEM
USING BANNER SOFTWARE"

"CLASSROOM ACTION RESEARCH"

PROGRAM

9 a.m.

Welcome

Stinchfield Lecture Hall

Coffee, tea and doughnuts will be served. Detailed schedules of the day's activities and locations and information packets will be distributed.

9:30 a.m.

Greeting

Stinchfield Lecture Hall

Interim President Larry Dean and Daniel Asquino, president of Mt. Wachusett CC.

9:45 a.m.

Overview

Stinchfield Lecture Hall

A look at the day's program as Title III enters its pivotal phase.

10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Concurrent workshops and activities

Various locations

I. An Advising Role Play

II. The Basics in Banner

III. Classroom Assessment Project

IV. Using Computers and Computer Software in Curriculum Development

Descriptions on next page

12 noon

Lunch

Cafeteria

A cold buffet, and dessert in the Fireplace Lounge.

1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Presentation

Stinchfield Lecture Hall

Kathy Alexander, director of education and outreach for Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel, will speak on "Coping with the disruptive student in the college classroom".

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Title III Joint Professional Day program, *continued*

Concurrent workshops and activities

10 a.m.-11:50 a.m.

I. An Advising Role Play

Learning assistance center staff have helped organize this session on how to use the new information provided by Banner for advising. There will be a demonstration of how to navigate Banner and a review of its screens (with handouts), and a short videotape of an advising session followed by a facilitated discussion.

II. The Basics in Banner

Learn how to find basic information in Banner, including terminology, navigation, finding seat counts and class rosters, finding name, address and telephone for a student, and how to view transcripts, a student's current schedule, and placement (assessment) test scores.

Training will be by **Kelly Dapprich, Sandy Haughey, Diane Mueller and June Ritter** of the computer and media services department, assisted by staff members **Sue Belcher, Laura Earl, Linda Horta, Heather Hoyt, Deanna Lovett, Trudy Rucci and Janna Thompson.**

III. Classroom Assessment Project

General information and discussion. Professor of speech **Fred Agnir** and **Yoav Elinesvsky**, a mathematics instructor at MWCC, will provide an overview of CAR and of the future process for the CAR project. All

participants will begin in the Stinchfield Lecture Hall, and will then split off into classrooms for small group sessions.

The small groups will feature presentations by faculty members about projects that they have undertaken. In addition to Fred and Yoav, math tutoring coordinator **Carol Pike** and recreation and leisure services professor **Judi Singley** will make presentations.

IV. Using Computers and Computer Software in Curriculum Development

An expansive look at software resources for Macintosh and DOS environments, with demonstrations of multimedia-based curriculum projects, and presentation software, Microsoft Powerpoint. Demonstrations of library capabilities using CWMARS, ProQuest and other media will be available from 10 a.m. to noon. CD-Rom materials will be demonstrated in the Electronic Studio.

Coping with the Disruptive Student

1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Violence has entered every aspect of life in modern society, and a tremendous emphasis has taken place on violence in educational settings over the last several years. How do prevention and intervention work effectively on community college campuses? **Kathy Alexander**, director of education and outreach for Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel, will address both issues of personal and classroom safety. Her talk is sponsored by the Learning Assistance Program.

Also available during this time period will be further opportunities to train on Banner and software demonstrations in the Electronic Studio and the library.

Faculty and staff appeal for capital campaign soon underway

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part this was because of the materials the contractors were able to recycle.

"We reused every bit of material in the building that could be salvaged," Charlie says, including some carpeting,

the heating registers and ductwork, the electrical service panels, window shades and "as many doors as we could."

Charlie also notes that the Downtown Center has had a positive impact on the college's budget. "The project

has not pulled a penny from on-campus money," he says, adding that one staff person's salary has even been funded from the special \$195,000 state appropriation to operate the facility.